

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information display apparatus comprising:  
a display screen;  
a movable panel member; and  
a control device which controls such that the functions of a control member and/or display member that are completely or partially hidden due to movement of said movable panel member are realized on said display screen.
2. The information display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
the control device displays an image on the display screen that has an outward appearance identical to or that resembles the outward appearance of the control member or said display member.
3. The information display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said control device that displays an image on said display screen that changes the surface dimensions of said control member and said display member.
4. The information display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a position-detection device which detects the position of said panel member; and wherein  
said control device performs control such that the

functions of said control member and display member are realized on said display screen according to said detected location.

5. The information display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a switch-display-instruction-receiving device which receives a switch-display instruction from the user; and wherein

said control device performs control such that the functions of said control member and display member are realized on said display screen when said switch-display instruction is received by said switch-display-instruction-receiving device.

6. The information display apparatus of according to claim 1, further comprising:

a movement-control device which controls the movement of said panel member.

7. The information display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said panel member is a storage-type panel member.

8. The information display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said panel member is a rotation-type panel member.

9. An information display method of displaying information on the display screen of a movable-type panel member, the information display method comprising:

a moving process of performing movement control of said panel member; and

a controlling process of performing control such that the functions of a control member or display member that are completely or partially hidden due to the movement of said panel member are realized on said display screen.

10. An information display processing program embodied in a recording medium which can be read by a computer in an information display apparatus, the program making the computer function as:

a movement control device which performs movement control of said panel member; and

a control device which performs control such that the functions of a control member or display member that are completely or partially hidden due to the movement of said panel member are realized on said display screen.

11. An information recording medium in which an information display-processing program is recorded in a readable way by a recording computer included in an information display apparatus, the information display-processing program causing the recording computer to function as:

a movement control device which performs movement control of said panel member; and

a control device which performs control such that the functions of a control member or display member that are completely or partially hidden due to the movement of said panel member are realized on said display screen.